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## Viewing cable 10STATE15974, Subject: Response to RCTV President's Request for U.S.

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#10STATE15974**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">10STATE15974</a>	<a href="#">2010-02-22 18:53</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Secretary of State</a>

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SUBJECT: Subject: Response to RCTV President's Request for U.S.  
to Press U.S. Cable Operators to Restore its Signal

REF: A) CARACAS 109

Classified by: Derived from: DSCG 05-1 (b), (d)  
WHA/AND, State

1. (C) In response to Posts request for guidance regarding RCTVs request that we approach DirectTV, Net Uno, and Inter to discuss the possible restoration of their RCTV programming, the Department

has determined that:

The U.S. Government will not take a legal position on the interpretation of a Venezuelan law or regulation, or on any contracts between RCTV and its cable carriers. Therefore, we cannot make a legal determination on whether or not the cable operators in question did or did not have a legal basis for removing RCTV programming. Nor can we assert that the cable operators acted illegally. RCTV and the cable operators may well have a commercial dispute, and we do not believe it is appropriate for the USG to take a position with regard to that dispute.

12. (C) Regarding Posts request for the Department to verify if

these companies are U.S. owned, we have determined that DirecTV (a satellite company, not a cable operator) is a U.S. company with a legal presence (including facilities and licenses) in Venezuela. DirecTV has confirmed to us that they were ordered by Conatel to remove RCTV and that DirecTV has fully complied. NetUno has offices in Miami but appears to be incorporated in Venezuela. Inter appears to be a Venezuelan company. According to its website, it was founded in 1996 in Barquismeto under the name Intercable. We have no further information on Inter.

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